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STATEMENT BY U.S. MISSION SPOKESMAN

SAIGON, VIET-NAM, OCTOBER 21, 1974

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ON THE LAST TWO WEEKENDS AT PRESS CONFERENCES IN SAIGON THE SPOKESMAN OF THE "PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT" DELEGATION TO THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION HAS ISSUED STATEMENTS ACCUSING THE UNITED STATES OF VIOLATING THE PARIS AGREEMENT. AMONG THE USUAL STALE AND OUTWORN PROPAGANDA DISTORTIONS, A NEW ONE HAS BEEN ADDED CHARGING THAT THE U.S. IS INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM BY GIVING SUPPORT TO DISSENTING POLITICAL GROUPS.

THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ENCOURAGE, NOR DOES IT SUPPORT IN ANY WAY, ANY POLITICAL FACTION IN VIET-NAM. THESE ACCUSATIONS ARE UTTERLY GROUNDLESS AND TOTALLY FALSE.

IT HAS LONG BEEN THE POLICY OF THE U.S. TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT THEY HAVE FREELY CHOSEN, IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST THE CRUEL NORTH VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION.

IT HAS LONG BEEN THE POLICY OF THE U.S. TO ASSIST THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO REALIZE THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

IN CARRYING OUT THIS POLICY THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WITH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID. THE UNITED STATES HAS NEVER SOUGHT, NOR WOULD IT EVER ACCEPT, THE RIGHT CLAIMED BY HANOI TO IMPOSE A POLITICAL SOLUTION ON SOUTH VIET-NAM AS A PRICE OF PEACE. THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT DONE SO IN THE PAST, THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT DO SO TODAY, AND THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT DO SO IN THE FUTURE. THE EVENTS OF 1972 SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT THIS ESSENTIAL TRUTH HOME TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WHICH THIS WEEKEND HAS APPROVINGLY ENDORSED THE DISTORTIONS OF ITS SOUTHERN PUPPET.

THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THE PARIS AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED. THOSE AGREEMENTS SET UP TWO BODIES IN WHICH THE VIETNAMESE PARTIES COULD MEET TOGETHER AND WORK OUT THE MODALITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT. THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS ANNOUNCED REPEATEDLY ITS WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE THESE MEETINGS.

FOR FIVE MONTHS THE "PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT" HAS REFUSED TO ATTEND THE TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION UNTIL IT IS GRANTED A VAST EXTENSION OF ITS PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. YET, IN UNCLASSIFIED

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RELEASING SUCH A STATEMENT ON 12 OCTOBER ATTACKING THE HOST GOVERNMENT, THE "PRG" DELEGATION TO THE TPJMC COMMITTED AN EXTREMELY GRAVE BREACH OF NORMAL DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE. IN DOING SO, IT HAS ESTABLISHED ONCE AGAIN THAT ITS INTEREST IN DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES IS NOT, AS IT CLAIMS, FOR ITS OWN CONVENIENCE AND PROTECTION BUT RATHER FOR POLITICAL PROPAGANDA PURPOSES TOTALLY UNRELATED TO THE FUNCTIONS OF THE TPJMC.

THE "PRG" STATEMENT MAKES CLEAR THAT IT IS THE DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, WHOSE AGENT THE "PRG" SPOKESMAN IS, WHICH
IS INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.
THE STATEMENTS ON THE LAST TWO SATURDAYS ARE, IN FACT, A CRUDELY
OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT THE VERY DISSENT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF VIET-NAM FALSELY ACCUSES THE U.S. OF SUPPORTING.

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, OF COURSE, DOES NOT
UNDERSTAND THAT RESPONSIBLE DISSENT ALWAYS EXISTS IN A FREE AND
OPEN SOCIETY.

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, OF COURSE, DOES NOT UNDER-
STAND THAT RESPONSIBLE DISSENT CAN EXIST ONLY WHEN A GOVERNMENT IS
CERTAIN OF THE LOYALTY OF ITS PEOPLE AND IS CERTAIN OF THEIR FIERCE
DETERMINATION TO FIGHT TO MAINTAIN THEIR FREEDOM AGAINST EXTERNAL
AGGRESSION.

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THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, OF COURSE, DOES NOT UNDER-
STAND THAT A PEOPLE WHO HAVE FOUGHT FOR A QUARTER CENTURY WITH ENORMOU
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COURAGE AND TENACITY TO PRESERVE THEIR FREEDOM WILL NOT PERMIT THE
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TO PUSH THEM OVER THE LINE WHERE
RESPONSIBLE DISSENT DEGENERATES INTO DESTRUCTIVE ANARCHY.

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, OF COURSE, UNDERSTANDS
NONE OF THESE BASIC ELEMENTS OF A FREE AND OPEN SOCIETY. IT CANNOT
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OTHERWISE - IS MERCILESSLY SUPPRESSED AS SOON AS DETECTED.

ONE BASIC OBJECTIVE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT IS TO INSURE TO THE
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SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. THE
RECORD OF DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND "PRG" ACTIONS SINCE
THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT IN JANUARY 1973 DEMONSTRATES THAT
THEY ARE USING EVERY MEANS OPEN TO THEM IN AN EFFORT TO DENY
SELF-DETERMINATION TO SOUTH VIET-NAM AND BRING THE SOUTH VIET-
NAMESE PEOPLE UNDER HANOI'S RULE AT WHICH TIME, OF COURSE, NO
DISSENT AT ALL WOULD BE PERMITTED.

BY FORCE OF ARMS THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM
IS ATTACKING THE TERRITORY AND POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC
OF VIET-NAM.

BY ASSASSINATIONS AND TERROR IT IS ATTEMPTING, UNSUCCESSFULLY,
TO FRIGHTEN THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE INTO SUBMISSION.

BY DESTRUCTION OF ROADS, BRIDGES AND IMPORTANT INSTALLATIONS
IT IS SEEKING TO INCREASE THE ECONOMIC SUFFERING OF THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN THE HOPE THAT IT CAN EXPLOIT POLITICALLY
THE RESULTING MISERY.

BY FALSE PROPAGANDA AND DIPLOMATIC MANEUVERING ABROAD
THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND "PRG" ARE ATTEMPT-
ING TO SUBVERT THE UNQUESTIONABLE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM OVER ITS TERRITORY, ITS
POPULATION, AND ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.

BY FILIBUSTER AND BOYCOTT OF THE BILATERAL TALKS IN PARIS AND
SAIGON THEY ARE BLOCKING IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE VERY PRO-
VISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO HOLD ELECTIONS EXERCISING THEIR PROMISED
RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

THE "PRG" AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM CLAIM TO BE IMPLEMENTING THE PARIS AGREEMENT. BUT HERE IS WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS:

NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAVE BROKEN AND ARE CONTINUING TO BREAK THE CEASE-FIRE (ARTICLE 2 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT). BY LARGE-SCALE MILITARY ATTACKS THEY ARE CAUSING CRUEL AND UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES AND ARE BRINGING ECONOMIC SUFFERING AS WELL AS GRIEF AND SORROW TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.
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THE "PRG" AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAVE REFUSED TO ACCEPT A CEASE-FIRE IN PLACE AND TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TO JOIN IN DETERMINING THE AREAS OF TEMPORARY MILITARY CONTROL OF THE TWO PARTIES (ARTICLE 3B OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT). THEY HAVE, THEREFORE, MADE A TRUE CEASE-FIRE IN SOUTH VIET-NAM UNWORKABLE.

THE "PRG" AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, IN OPEN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 3C AND ARTICLE 11, HAVE PERPETRATED COUNTLESS HEINOUS ACTS OF ASSASSINATION AND TERRORISM THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIET-NAM, INCLUDING THE BRUTAL MURDER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND INNOCENT CIVILIANS BY INDISCRIMINATE SHELLING.

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS MOVED LARGE NUMBERS OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS INTO SOUTH VIET-NAM FLAGRANTLY VIOLATING THE AGREEMENT'S TOTAL BAN ON THE INTRODUCTION OF TROOPS (ARTICLE 7).

THE "PRG" AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAVE INTRODUCED VAST QUANTITIES OF WEAPONS INTO SOUTH VIET-NAM IN VIOLATION OF THE CONDITIONS CLEARLY STIPULATED IN THE AGREEMENT (ARTICLE 7).

THE "PRG" AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAVE

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REFUSED TO FULFILL THEIR COMMITMENT REGARDING THE MISSING IN ACTION, BOTH AMERICAN AND VIETNAMESE (ARTICLE 8B). SINCE 18 JUNE THE DELEGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAVE MET THIRTY-SIX TIMES HOPING THEY WOULD BE JOINED BY THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND "PRG" DELEGATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT APPEARED. THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND THE "PRG" THUS CONTINUE TO PROLONG THE GRIEF OF THE FAMILIES OF THE MISSING-IN-ACTION.

THE "PRG" AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, BY BOYCOTTING THE BILATERAL TALKS IN PARIS, HAVE BLOCKED HOLDING OF AN ELECTION AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT AS WELL AS OTHER POLITICAL PROVISIONS (ARTICLES 9 THROUGH 14).
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THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS NOT RESPECTED THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE AS CALLED FOR IN ARTICLE 15 OF THE AGREEMENT.

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS SPURNED THE

REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM'S CALL FOR TALKS ON REESTABLISHING
OF NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 15.

THE "PRG" HAS REFUSED TO DEPLOY ITS JOINT MILITARY
COMMISSION TEAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 17 OF THE
AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE 11 OF THE CEASE-FIRE PROTOCOL.
IT IS NOW BOYCOTTING MEETINGS OF THE JOINT MILITARY COM-
MISSION, THUS CUTTING OFF ALL EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE
CEASE-FIRE THROUGH THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION.

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND THE "PRG",
THOUGH COMMITTED UNDER THE AGREEMENT TO FACILITATE THE
OPERATIONS OF THE ICCS (ARTICLE 18), HAVE HAMPERED AND
HARRASSED THE WORK OF THE ICCS.

THE "PRG" AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM
HAVE REFUSED TO FULFILL THEIR PLEDGE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
ICCS BUDGET (ICCS PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT). THE
CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO STARVE THE ICCS TO DEATH FINANCIALLY,
SO THAT THERE CAN BE NO WITNESS TO THEIR CONTINUOUS,
CONTEMPTUOUS AND BRUTAL VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT.

THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS FAILED TO ABIDE
BY ARTICLE 20 OF THE AGREEMENT REGARDING CAMBODIA AND LAOS.

THIS RECORD SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. NO AMOUNT OF CLEVER AND
CEASELESSLY REPEATED PROPAGANDA CAN REALLY CHANGE, OBSCURE,
OR DISTORT THAT CLEAR RECORD. THE VOICES OF THE SO-CALLED
"PRG" PUPPET DANCING AS THE STRINGS ARE MANIPULATED BY THEIR
NORTHERN MASTERS, TO ACHIEVE A HARMONY OF SORTS WITH THEIR
APOLOGISTS ABROAD, ARE NO LONGER CREDIBLE.

AMONG TRULY PERCEPTIVE, OBJECTIVE AND DISPASSIONATE OBSERVERS
THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION THAT IT IS THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
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VIET-NAM AND THE "PRG" WHO ARE PURSUING A "POLICY OF WAR"
AND "SABOTAGING" THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

IT IS PAST TIME FOR THE PROPAGANDA TO CEASE AND FOR SERIOUS
NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN. IT IS THE EARNEST HOPE OF THE UNITED
STATES THAT THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AND THE "PRG"
WILL ACCEPT THE LONG STANDING INVITATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
VIET-NAM TO RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AND WORK SERIOUSLY
AND CONSTRUCTIVELY ON THE MODALITIES OF THE FULL AND COMPLETE
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